# **ARTICLE 24:15**

# **CERTIFICATION**

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#### **CHAPTER 24:15:01**

#### **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

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**24:15:01:01. Definitions.** Terms used in this article mean:

- (1) "Accredited," having met the standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education or one of the six regional accrediting agencies: North Central Association, New England Association, Middle States Association, Southern Association, Northwest Association, and Western Association;
- (2) "Administrator," an individual who has completed an approved graduate program for principals, school superintendents, special education directors, or curriculum directors at an accredited institution and has been issued a South Dakota certificate;
- (3) "Advanced certification," certification that is granted to an individual who has obtained a master's, doctorate, or specialist degree, or National Board Certification;

- (4) "Alternative certification," a process of completing an approved education program for teachers or a professional development plan for alternative certification while employed in a South Dakota school system accredited by the department;
- (5) "Approved education endorsement program," a sequence of courses and experiences completed at a minor level or less that meets preparation standards in article 24:16;
- (6) "Approved education program," a sequence of courses and experiences requiring completion of a degree with a major or its equivalent that meets preparation standards of article 24:16 or preparation standards of other states' educational agencies;
- (7) "Authorization," official indication on a certificate of the holder's preparation in a subject/area and age/grade span;
- (8) "Certificate," document granted by the state of South Dakota that provides official recognition of completion of all necessary preparation requirements and authorizes the holder to perform educational services;
- (9) "Certifying officer," the official from an accredited institution with approved education programs who is authorized to verify completion of preparation requirement and recommend certification;
  - (10) "Department," South Dakota Department of Education;

- (11) "Instructor," an individual who has not completed an approved education program for teachers but who is on a professional development plan, except for those who are qualified pursuant to subdivision 24:15:03:02(3), and has been issued a South Dakota certificate;
- (12) "Lapsed certificate," a certificate which has been allowed to expire without making application that establishes eligibility for renewal by October 1 of the year of expiration;
- (13) "Professional development plan," a plan for professional development of personnel that meets the requirements of § 24:15:01:02;
- (13) (14) "Renewal credit," credit that is approved by the department that may be used for certificate renewal;
- (14) (15) "School service specialist," an individual who serves as a school counselor, a school social worker, school psychologist, school psychological examiner, school speech/language pathologist, school library media specialist, or business official and has been issued a South Dakota certificate;
- (15) (16) "Stand-alone certificate," a certificate issued to an individual who does not have teacher preparation and who is restricted to the area of authorization indicated on the certificate;
- (16) (17) "State certification exam," an assessment of content and pedagogical knowledge required in article 24:16 with passing scores established by the Board of Education;

(17) (18) "Teacher," an individual who has completed an approved education program for teachers at an accredited four-year institution or a professional development plan for alternative certification and has been issued a South Dakota certificate;

(18) (19) "Transcripted credit," credit issued on a college or university transcript.

**Source:** 24 SDR 160, adopted May 8, 1998, effective September 1, 2000; 28 SDR 43, effective August 23, 2001; SL 2003, ch 113, § 1, effective July 1, 2003; 30 SDR 26, effective September 3, 2003; 31 SDR 43, effective October 3, 2004; 31 SDR 129, effective March 22, 2005; 32 SDR 145, effective March 14, 2006; 33 SDR 55, effective October 2, 2006.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-1 to 13-42-4.

24:15:01:02. Professional development plans. A professional development plan is a plan established and approved by the department, in consultation with the employing school and an accredited four-year institution with approved education programs, that identifies a sequence of coursework and experiences designed to develop the competencies of standards in article 24:16. Professional development plans for alternative certification must meet applicable preparation standards of article 24:16 and require study and experience comparable to an approved education program for teachers. Professional development plans for two year nonrenewable certificates may require no more than six semester hours or the equivalent. Professional development plans for five-year certificates may require no more than 15 semester hours or the equivalent. Professional development plans for career and vocational technical instructors or authorities to act issued for the career and vocational technical endorsements of § 24:16:08:21 must include the requirements of subdivision 24:16:08:20(2), if not previously completed. Repealed

**Source:** 24 SDR 160, adopted May 8, 1998, effective September 1, 2000; 27 SDR 32, effective October 11, 2000.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-1 to 13-42-4.

### **CHAPTER 24:15:03**

#### APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES

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24:15:03:03. Two-year certificate. The department may issue a two-year nonrenewable certificate to an applicant who has been offered employment by a South Dakota state accredited school system and submitted a professional development plan that identifies eligibility criteria for a five-year certificate. In addition, a two-year certificate may be issued if the applicable preparation and work experience have has been completed within the last five years and if:

- (1) Applicant has completed an approved education endorsement program in driver education, American Sign Language, Braille, Lakota languages, or junior ROTC; or
- (2) Applicant has completed a teaching program or an alternative certification program in another state; or
- (3) Applicant is filling a school's confirmed need in a subject/area, has at least a bachelor's degree in that subject/area or a related area, and seeks alternative certification; or
- (4) Applicant has been offered employment in <u>7-12</u> career and <del>vocational</del>-technical education <del>under one of the following circumstances</del>: <u>and meets the requirements of career and technical education</u> alternative route to certification.

(a) In a 7-12 career and vocational-technical program and applicant has completed the requirements of the education endorsement program for a bachelor's degree in a career and vocational-related area in § 24:16:08:21; or

(b) For half time or less in a specialized 7-12 vocational technical program or course and applicant has completed the requirements of the education endorsement program for specialized 7-12 vocational technical programs or courses in § 24:16:08:21; or

(c) In a 7-12 trades and industry or health and human services program and applicant has completed the requirements of the education endorsement program for trades and industry or health and human services in § 24:16:08:21; or

(d) In a 7-12 career and vocational technical program for new and emerging occupations and applicant has completed the requirements of the education endorsement program for new and emerging 7-12 career and vocational technical programs or courses in § 24:16:08:21.

**Source:** 24 SDR 160, adopted May 8, 1998, effective September 1, 2000; 27 SDR 32, effective October 11, 2000; 32 SDR 41, effective September 11, 2004; 32 SDR 41, effective September 11, 2005.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-1 to 13-42-4.

**24:15:03:06. Renewal process.** The department may renew a certificate for a five-year period upon receipt of the following:

- (1) A completed application form provided by the department;
- (2) The appropriate fee as provided in § 24:15:03:05; and

- (3) Official documentation verifying completion of six semester credit or nine quarter credit hours. A minimum of three semester credit or five quarter credit hours of the six hours must be transcripted hours from a postsecondary institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency. The remainder of these hours must include one of the following options:
- (a) Three semester credit or five quarter credit hours transcripted from a postsecondary institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency; or
  - (b) Three renewal credits approved by the department; or
  - (c) Forty-five clock hours of continuing education units (CEUs); or
- (d) A combination of credits from a postsecondary institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency, renewal credits, or CEUs equivalent to three semester credit hours.

For certified staff with advanced certification or degrees, including National Board Certification, masters degrees, specialist degrees, and doctoral degrees, documentation of the following hours must be provided for certificate renewal: six semester hours or nine quarter hours from an accredited postsecondary institution; or six renewal credits approved by the department; or ninety hours of continuing education units (CEUs); or a combination of the above, equivalent to six semester hours.

Applicants with continuing professional development plans must submit verification of completion of any requirements in excess of six semester hours as established in the plan. Professional development plans must be updated to establish remaining requirements for subsequent renewal before the certificate is reissued. Renewal requirements must be related to preparation standards in article 24:16 and be completed between the date of issuance of the current valid certificate and the application for renewal. Applicants renewing an initial five-year certificate must verify completion of a three-hour renewal course or a three-hour transcripted course in human relations and a three-hour renewal course or

a three-hour transcripted course in South Dakota Indian studies approved by the department, if not previously verified. Applicants renewing an updated certificate must submit verification of completion of any deficiencies identified at the reissuance of the lapsed certificate in excess of six semester hours.

Three of six renewal credits may be granted toward renewal, based on private or public sector experience that was not obtained through academic coursework, if the experience is related to the applicant's teaching field. The credit may be granted upon department review and approval of a completed application form.

**Source:** 24 SDR 160, adopted May 8, 1998, effective September 1, 2000; 30 SDR 26, effective September 3, 2003; 30 SDR 58, adopted October 16, 2003, effective October 1, 2005; 32 SDR 41, effective September 11, 2005; 33 SDR 55, effective October 2, 2006.

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-1 to 13-42-4.

**24:15:03:07. Additional authorizations.** An additional authorization may be issued on a certificate with:

(1) Verification of completion of an approved education program by a certifying officer or verification of completion of education endorsement program requirements identified in article 24:16 by a certifying officer or by the department. Coursework for education endorsement programs must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher at an accredited postsecondary institution. Coursework earned at accredited community colleges and postsecondary career and technical vocational schools must be approved by the department or the certifying officer prior to enrollment in the course; or

(2) Effective July 1, 2005, an official copy of all test scores including any subtest scores provided

by the testing company on the state certification exam for each subject or area authorization for

endorsement programs for which the applicant is applying;

(3) Submission of official transcript;

(4) The appropriate fee as provided in § 24:15:03:05.

Source: 24 SDR 160, adopted May 8, 1998, effective September 1, 2000; 30 SDR 26, effective

September 3, 2003.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-1 to 13-42-4.

24:15:03:08. Restrictions on additional authorizations. The following restrictions apply to the

granting of additional authorizations completed either through coursework or through verification of

having passed the content specific state test:

(1) Grade 5-8 or K-12 education endorsement programs may only be issued on certificates for K-

8 elementary education, 5-8 middle level education, 7-12 secondary education, or K-12 education;

(2) Driver education, American Sign Language, Braille, Lakota languages, and junior ROTC

education endorsement programs, and 7-12 careers and vocational-technical education endorsement

programs for specialized 7-12 career and vocational-technical programs or courses, 7-12 career and

vocational-technical education endorsement programs for trades and industry or human services, and 7-

12 vocational-technical education endorsement programs for new and emerging occupations may be issued on any certificate or as stand-alone certificates;

- (3) A 7-12 education endorsement program may be issued on a 5-8 middle level education certificate, a 7-12 secondary education certificate, a K-8 elementary education certificate, or a K-12 education certificate;
- (4) A K-12 blind and visually impaired endorsement program may be issued on a K-12 special education certificate, a K-12 education certificate, a K-8 elementary/special education certificate, a K-8 elementary education certificate, a 5-8 middle level education certificate, or a 7-12 secondary education certificate;
- (5) A birth through preschool special education endorsement program may only be issued on a birth through preschool certificate, a birth through age eight early childhood certificate, a K-12 special education certificate, a K-8 elementary education certificate, or a K-8 elementary/special education certificate;
- (6) A birth through preschool education endorsement program may only be issued on a birth through age eight early childhood and birth through age eight special education certificate on a K-8 elementary education certificate or on a K-8 elementary/special education certificate;
- (7) A kindergarten education endorsement program may only be issued on a birth through preschool certificate, on a birth through age eight early childhood certificate, on a birth through age eight early childhood and birth through age eight special education certificate, on a K-8 elementary education certificate, or on a K-8 elementary/special education certificate; and

(8) Additional education programs for teachers or education endorsement programs for teachers may not be issued on an instructor's certificate, a stand-alone school service specialist's certificate, or a stand-alone K-12 special education certificate, except for the coach education endorsement program.

The birth through pre-school education authorization and the birth through pre-school special education authorization may not be added by a test score alone.

**Source:** 24 SDR 160, adopted May 8, 1998, effective September 1, 2000; 27 SDR 32, effective October 11, 2000; 32 SDR 41, effective September 11, 2005.

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-1 to 13-42-4.

#### **CHAPTER 24:15:06**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT PROGRAMS

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24:15:06:10. 7-12 vocational-technical education endorsement programs. A 7-12 vocational-technical education endorsement program for business, marketing, and occupational family and consumer science requires completion of the appropriate program or endorsement program requirements, 2,000 hours of occupational work experience in the last five years in the appropriate area, and completion of requirements in subdivision 24:16:08:20(2). A 7-12 career and vocational technical education endorsement program for trades and industry requires a major in technology education or industrial arts and 6,000 hours of occupational work experience in the last five years in the trade or industry for which authorization is sought. A 7-12 vocational technical education endorsement program for specialized 7-12 vocational technical programs or courses requires postsecondary education in the specialized career and vocational technical program or course and 2,000 hours of occupational work experience in the last five years in the appropriate area. A 7-12 vocational technical education endorsement program for trades and industry or health and human services requires postsecondary education in the applicable area and 6,000 hours of occupational work experience within the last five years.

A 7-12 vocational-technical education endorsement program for a vocational-related area requires a bachelor's degree in a vocational-related area and work experience in the last five years as required by article 24:16 in the applicable area.

A 7-12 vocational-technical education endorsement program for a new and emerging occupation

requires postsecondary education or training in the applicable occupation within the last five years. No

state test is required or available to validate this endorsement.

**7-12 agriculture education endorsement program**: A 7-12 agriculture education endorsement

program requires the passage of the designated state test and 26 semester hours in agriculture, food, and

natural resources content coursework, which include: three semester hours in Food Products and

Processing Systems, 3 semester hours in Plant Systems, three semester hours in Animal Systems, three

semester hours in Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, three semester hours in Natural Resource

Systems, three semester hours in Environmental Service Systems, three semester hours in Agribusiness

Systems, three semester hours in Biotechnology, and two semester hours of career and technical

education preparation.

Source: 25 SDR 13, adopted July 21, 1998, effective September 1, 2000; 27 SDR 32, effective

October 11, 2000; transferred from § 24:16:08:21, 30 SDR 211, effective July 5, 2004; 32 SDR 41,

effective September 11, 2005.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

24:15:06:42. 7-12 family & consumer science education endorsement program. A 7-12

family and consumer science education endorsement program requires the passage of the designated

state test and 20 semester hours of coursework, which include: six semester hours in nutrition and

wellness, six semester hours in consumer and resource management, three semester hours in human

development, and three semester hours in family studies, and two semester hours of career and technical

education preparation.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

<u>24:15:06:43. 7-12 auto body technology endorsement:</u> A 7-12 auto body technology endorsement requires:

- (1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or;
- (2) bachelors in education degree and 15 credits of related coursework or verification of 4,000 hours of work experience in a related field or;
  - (3) state approved national certification.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

24:15:06:44. 7-12 automotive technology endorsement: A 7-12 automotive technology endorsement requires:

- (1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or;
- (2) bachelors in education degree and 15 credits of related coursework or verification of 4,000 hours of work experience in a related field or;
  - (3) state approved national certification.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

**24:15:06:45. 7-12 building trades endorsement**: A 7-12 building trades endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical Education alternative route to certification or;

(2) bachelors in education degree and 15 credits of related coursework or verification of 4,000

hours of work experience in a related field or;

(3) a state approved national certification.

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

24:15:06:46. 7-12 computer aided manufacturing endorsement: A 7-12 computer aided

manufacturing endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or;

(2) bachelors in education degree and 15 credits of related coursework or verification of 4,000

hours of work experience in a related field or;

(3) state approved national certification.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

**24:15:06:47. 7-12 computer cabling endorsement:** requires:

(1) completion of career and technical education Alternative route to certification or;

(2) state approved national certification training in computer cabling.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

**24:15:06:48. 7-12 computer networking endorsement:** A 7-12 computer networking

endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or ;

(2) state approved national certification training in computer networking.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

24:15:06:49. 7-12 computer repair and maintenance endorsement: A 7-12 computer repair

and maintenance endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or;

(2) state approved national certification training in computer repair and maintenance.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

24:15:06:50. 7-12 culinary arts and restaurant management endorsement: A 7-12 culinary

arts and restaurant management endorsement requires completion of the career and technical education

alternative route to certification.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

**24:15:06:51. 7-12 Drafting Endorsement**: A 7-12 drafting endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or;

(2) bachelors in education degree and 15 credits of related coursework or verification of 4,000

hours of work experience in a related field or;

(3) state approved national certification.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

**24:15:06:52. 7-12 electronics endorsement:** A 7-12 electronics endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or;

(2) bachelors in education degree and 15 credits of related coursework or verification of 4,000

hours of work experience in a related field or;

(3) state approved national certification.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

**24:15:06:53. 7-12 graphic design endorsement:** A 7-12 graphic design endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or;

(2) bachelors in education degree and 15 credits of related coursework or verification of 4,000

hours of work experience in a related field or;

(3) state approved national certification.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

**24:15:06:54. 7-12 health science endorsement:** A 7-12 health science endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical Education alternative route to certification or;

(2) bachelors in education degree and verification of 4,000 hours of work experience in a related

field.

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

**24:15:06:55. 7-12 machine tool technology endorsement**: A 7-12 machine tool technology

endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or;

(2) bachelors education degree and 15 credits of related coursework or verification of 4,000 hours

of work experience in a related field or;

(3) state approved national certification.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

**24:15:06:56. 7-12 multi-media endorsement:** A 7-12 multi-media endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or;

(2) bachelors in education degree and 15 credits of related coursework or verification of 4,000

hours of work experience in a related field or;

(3) state approved national certification.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4

**24:15:06:57. 7-12 welding technology endorsement:** A 7-12 welding technology endorsement requires:

(1) completion of career and technical education alternative route to certification or;

(2) bachelors in education degree and 15 credits of related coursework or verification of 4,000

hours of work experience in a related field or;

(3) state approved national certification.

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

<u>24:15:06:58. 6-8 engineering endorsement:</u> A 6-8 engineering endorsement requires completion of state approved national certification training in engineering.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

<u>24:15:06:59. 9-12 engineering endorsement:</u> A 9-12 engineering endorsement requires completion of state approved national certification training in engineering.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

<u>24:15:06:60.</u> 9-12 biomedical science endorsement: A 9-12 biomedical science endorsement requires completion of state approved national certification training in engineering.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

#### **Chapter 24:15:08**

## **Career & Technical Education Alternative Route to Certification**

24:15:08:01 Eligibility.

24:15:08:02 Program Description.

24:15:08:03 Recommendation for Certification.

24:15:08:01 Eligibility: The department shall administer a program that provides an alternative route to Career and Technical Education Certification, herein referred to as "CTE alternative certification," for qualified candidates. The CTE alternative certification program is limited to 7-12 CTE authorizations. To be eligible for the program, a person must meet the following requirements:

- (1) <u>Hold an AAS degree or equivalent in a CTE related field, or 4,000 hours of work experience in a</u> CTE related field, or a combination of work experience and coursework, or national certification;
- (2) Has an offer of employment from a SD accredited school system;
- (3) Submits to a criminal background investigation to SDCL chapter (13-10);
- (4) Adheres to the Code of Professional Ethics pursuant to chapter 24;08;03, as adopted by the Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

24:15:08:02 Program Description. The CTE Alternative Certification program shall consist of

participation in and completion of state approved:

(1) mentorship program,

(2) professional learning communities,

(3) professional development or coursework in the following areas: classroom management,

instructional strategies/differentiating instruction, and assessment, and

(4) professional portfolio demonstrating a comprehensive assessment of teaching performance.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.

**24:15:08:03** Recommendation for Certification. Candidates will be granted a two-year

provisional certificate upon meeting the eligibility requirements. The department may issue a five-year

CTE certificate upon completion of the program and written recommendation from local administration.

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-42-3, 13-42-4.